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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Armed Services

JOINT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at
Normandy during World War II.

Whereas June 6, 2004, marks the 60th anniversary of D-Day, the first day of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II by American, British, and Canadian troops;

Whereas the D-Day landing, known as Operation Overlord, was the most extensive amphibious operation ever to occur, involving on the first day of the operation 5,000 naval vessels, more than 11,000 sorties by Allied aircraft, and 153,000 members of the Allied Expeditionary Force;

Whereas the bravery and sacrifices of the Allied troops at 5 separate Normandy beaches and numerous paratrooper and glider landing zones began what Allied Supreme Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower called a “Crusade in Europe” to end Nazi tyranny and restore freedom and human dignity to millions of people;

Whereas that great assault by sea and air marked the beginning of the end of Hitler's ambition for world domination;

Whereas American troops suffered over 6,500 casualties on D-Day; and

Whereas the people of the United States should honor the valor and sacrifices of their fellow countrymen, both living and dead, who fought that day for liberty and the cause of freedom in Europe: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That Congress—

4 (1) recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Allied
 5 landed landing at Normandy during World War II; and

6 (2) requests the President to issue a proclamation
 7 calling on the people of the United States to observe
 8 the anniversary with appropriate ceremonies
 9 and programs to honor the sacrifices of their fellow
 10 countrymen to liberate Europe.

Passed the Senate April 1, 2004.

Attest:

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Secretary.